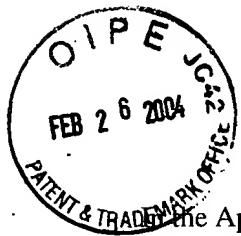


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Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Action mailed August 26, 2003 in connection with the above referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the claims be amended as described, and reconsidered. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is included herewith.

- **Amendment to the Specification** none.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Drawings:** none
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.
- **Conclusions** begin on page 7 of this paper